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Attention Class of 2020

The Wabash Plain Dealer is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate our Wabash County seniors! With COVID-19 disrupting graduation plans and daily life for our students, we want to do something special to commemorate their hard work and memories. We are posting photo challenges at www.facebook.com/ wabashpd and the best submissions will be featured on our website and in a special section published at the end of the school year. Submit your favorite memories to news@wabashplaindealer. com or post your memories and photos to your social media page using the hashtag #WCClassof2020 to participate.

Notice to readers

To reduce risks to our employees and community, the Wabash Plain Dealer is closed to the public until further notice. Payments may be dropped in the mail slot or called in. For news, call 260-225-4662 or email news@wabashplaindealer. com. For advertising, call 260-225-4947 or email tcampbell@pmginmi.com. For circulation and customer support, call 260-563-2131. To bring you the most accurate information about the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the Wabash Plain Dealer has decided to prioritize news content over sports stories since sporting events are canceled for the time being. The Wabash Plain Dealer is committed to pro viding the best product to its customers and appreciates the support during this time.

Holcomb directs flags to be flown at half-staff through Monday

Thank you.

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb is directing flags statewide to be flown at half-staff through sunset Sunday, May 24 to honor the victims of the novel coronavirus pandemic. Holcomb is also directing flags statewide to be flown at half-staff from sunrise to noon in honor of Memorial Day, on Monday, May 25.

Holcomb announces next stage of re-opening plan

In Stage 3, Hoosiers 65 and over and those with high-risk health conditions who are the most vulnerable to the coronavirus - should remain at home as much as possible. Face coverings in public places are recommended. Hoosiers who can work from home are encouraged to continue to do so. Social gatherings of up to 100 people will be permitted following the CDC's social distancing guidelines. Retail and commercial businesses may open at 75 percent capacity. Shopping malls can open at 75 percent capacity with indoor common areas restricted to 50 percent capacity. Gyms, fitness centers, yoga studios, martial

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NMPL curbside service a success

Total circulations during the first week and a half total almost 1,300

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) has announced an extension of their curbside pick up hours on Mondays and Wednesdays, according to Jeanna Hann, adult department manager and marketing coordinator.

Curbside hours are now noon to 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Fridays.

"The curbside service has been a huge hit with the community," stated Hann.
Hann stated there were 1,148 items checked out in

the first week.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Tuesday, Hann stated in a week and a half they had 190 patrons use curbside at least once.

"But many have used it multiple times," stated Hann.

Hann stated at that point their total circulations for a week and a half of

Hann stated the library also launched Document

Days. "During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the library will temporarily provide Docfaxed or copied," stated copies only of essential documents, such as government forms, financial documents, school paperwork or other business papers."

Hann stated Document Days are last from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, by appointment



the curbside service were Sarah Morbitzer, NMPL children's department manager, places a completed curbside order on the designated pick up bench.

> Patrons may call to make an appointment any time from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

"The library hopes this ument Days for patrons to service will be helpful to get essential documents all patrons navigating these difficult times, especially Hann. "The library will fax those who are searching or copy black and white for new jobs or are needing to apply for government assistance," stated Hann.

Patrons can place curbside orders by calling the library at 260-982-4773, or by visiting www.nman.

lib.in.us. Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@ wabashplaindealer.com.



Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain The NMPL has six different themed kits that include all the supplies children will need to create art projects, including Paint By Number Kits, Watercolor Kits (pictured), Origami Kits, Threader Kits, Dot Marker Kits and Duct Tape Kits.

Gov. takes action to prepare for revenue shortfalls

The current fiscal year ends June 30

STAFF REPORT

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb anthe State Budget Agency (SBA) to initiate plans to Fiscal Year 2021 because current fiscal year, which

state revenue because of the economic impact of COVID-19, according to secretary.

reduce state agency appro- actions to reduce spending priations by 15 percent for for the remainder of the nounced projects:

many other areas for sav-

In addition to the state nounced Friday he asked Rachel Hoffmeyer, press agency reversions, Hol- lion in Next Level Trails comb said the state would grants. SBA already has initiated not move forward or put on

- Use of \$291 million in state parks.

of the sharp drop in state ends June 30. Cost savings reserves to pay for several revenues that was report- measures were instituted in capital projects approved in ed for April and to prepare April to review operations, the 2020 legislative session. for a continued decline in space, travel, hiring and Bonding authority may be used to move forward with those projects later.

- Approximately \$65 mil-

- \$110 million of deferred hold several previously an- maintenance projects, including \$70 million for

Manchester responds to COVID-19 with free tuition

Option for incoming Indiana undergrads from families making \$65K or less

STAFF REPORT

demic poses financial uncertainty for incoming students and their families, the University is offering Manchester University is free tuition exclusively to offering a sure thing: Free tuition for all four years.

"The Spartan 2020 Response is both part of \$65,000 a year or less. Manchester's response to the COVID pandemic and federal Pell Grant.

another example of Man-



Ryon opuiki vice for enrollment marketing.

As the COVID-19 pan- 100 percent of all Manchester undergraduates receive financial assistance, incoming first-year stu-

- From families that make

- Who are eligible for a

of our stu- ly known as FAFSA, by program. The University Ka- are Indiana residents. Students must live in Admissions

president on-campus housing each help incoming students and board, to qualify. "The Manchester com-Although munity has a long history of investing financially in also decided to waive the

our students," said President Dave McFadden. "We would not have the Spartan ni, generous donors and its, doors for each other."

So far, more than 400 chester's continuing ef- Free Application for Fedforts to invest in the lives eral Student Aid, common- 2020 would qualify for the tions at Manchester University.

said the Indiana deadline, and admissions team is in the process of notifying them. counselors year, paying fees, room identify ways to reduce their costs, such as scholarships.

Manchester in March undergraduate enrollment

deposit. For information about 2020 Response if it were applying to Manchesnot for our loyal alum- ter, including virtual visvisit https://www. board of trustees. We have manchester.edu/ a tradition here of opening admissions/audiences/ admissions.

Anne Gregory is the assistant - Who completed the students who have been director of media relations in the admitted to MU for fall Office of Strategic Communica-

Mural Fest application deadline extended

Artists invited to apply to install public art exhibits

By ROB BURGESSWabash Plain Dealer Editor

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, Inc., has extended the deadline for the Artist and Mentorship Programs, according to Kate Virag, vice president of marketing and strategic communications.

From Sept. 8 to 18, regional and national artists will create 11 high-quality murals - one in each of the 11 counties of northeast Indiana. The murals will all be unveiled on the same day, with celebrations and events taking place all over the region throughout the festival to recognize the artists and the communities.

The site chosen for the Wabash County mural was the Selleck Building, 214 E. Main St., North Manchester.

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Virag stated they had not received any entries for the Wabash County location in North Manchester thus far.

"However, we do expect to receive applications for each wall by the time we reach the deadline," stated

Virag. Artists are encouraged to apply by Sunday, June 14.

Despite COVID-19 challenges, Virag stated Mural Fest is still planned for September 2020 and organizers

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Grow Wabash County welcomes intern Ava Barefoot

She will be a senior at Manchester University in the fall

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County welcomes Manchester University student, Ava Barefoot, to the team as



tion's summer intern, according Chelsea Boulrisse, project manager for marketing

the organiza-

Barefoot will be a senior at Manchester University in the fall where she is studying a double major in history and Spanish. Barefoot is a North Man-

chester native and graduated from Manchester Jr./Sr. High School in 2017. "Her interest in the lo-

cal community developed thanks in part to her part-time

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MURAL

are focused on developing a safe experience for muralists and festival guests.

"We are monitoring all federal, state and local guidance regarding fall events and travel. Our top concern is the health and safety of artists, mentorship program participants, volunteers and all event attendees, and we are considering several possible scenarios for Mural Fest events. We plan to host a responsible, safe and fun Mural Fest in September 2020, and we've pushed back the application deadlines to give artists more time to respond during this challenging time," stated Virag.

Alex Hall, founder of Art this Way and owner of AH Public Spaces Consulting, stated COVID-19 has affected many artists and creatives, and Mural Fest is an outlet to express creativity and earn additional income.

"We know that artists and those working in creative fields are adapting to sustain their businesses as they face COVID-19 challenges. At its core the Make It Your Own Mural Fest is a celebration of the region's creatives, and the project is entirely dependent on the muralists and mentees who choose to participate. The Artists Program is a paid opportunity, and we hope Fest. The Mentorship Pro-

job at Timbercrest Retire-

ment Community, where she

continues to work. There,

she has learned to appreciate

both local history and caring

for the community's resi-

Boulrisse stated in summer

2019, Barefoot served as an

intern at the Wabash County

Museum where she became

even more interested in com-

munity history and opera-

"The passion and enthusi-

dents," stated Boulrisse.

INTERN

that by offering this opportunity we are contributing to the health and growth of our region's creative sector," stated Hall.

Fort Wayne artist Bryan Ballinger stated he applied for Mural Fest because his past experiences creating murals in Northeast Indiana were so positive.

"Having people in the artwork and being able to contribute to the regional arts scene is awesome. I would encourage any artist who is comfortable painting a large-scale mural to apply. The budgets for the murals are fair, the exposure for your artwork is great, and the experience of creating public art is very rewarding," stated Ballinger. "Public art directly affects the community. I have seen it happen in Fort Wayne personally. Public art becomes a destination for residents and visitors alike; it shows how creative the community is and it elevates the culture of the places we live and work. People want to be in places where the arts are alive and visible.

Make It Your Own Mural Fest is also searching for volunteers for the Mentorship Program. Students, emerging artists and veteran artists are invited to apply for the Mentorship Program, a training component of Make It Your Own Mural

Wabash County. She will

be working closely with the

team to develop marketing

materials for various Grow

Wabash County programs

as well as helping to provide

the best possible service ex-

perience for Grow Wabash

County investors," stated

Boulrisse. "Grow Wabash

County believes the impor-

tance of an internship expe-

rience cannot be overstated

for both the students and

Local business interested

in hiring local interns may

employers.'

gram will provide hands-on learning and valuable experience in installing a largescale mural project. Up to five individuals per county will be selected as a volunteer and will work directly under the guidance of the selected muralist to install a mural in one of Northeast

"Make It Your Own Mural community react to your Fest is an innovative, creative activation of the Make It Your Own brand intended tion, talent retention and tourism. The regional muof its kind in the state, will build on the quality of place efforts accelerated by the Regional Cities Initiative, growing regional pride and garnering significant attention and exposure nationally," stated Virag.

site and social media.

To apply or learn more, www.NEImural

dealer.com.

bash County has made her ship coordinators: a welcome addition to Grow

■ Manchester University: Leslie Marlatt by phone at 260-982-5242 or by email at LPMarlatt@manchester .edu; or Michelle Stine by phone at 260-982-5260 or by email at mlstine@ manchester.edu at the College of Business

■ Heartland Career Center: Brian Evans by phone at 260-563-7481 or by email at bevans@staff.hcc.k12.in.us.

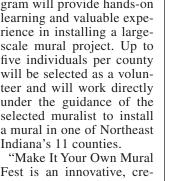
■ Northfield and Southwood High School: Kari Johnson by phone at 260-563-8050 or by email at johnsonk@msdwc.k12.inasm Ava Barefoot for Wa- contact the following intern- .us.

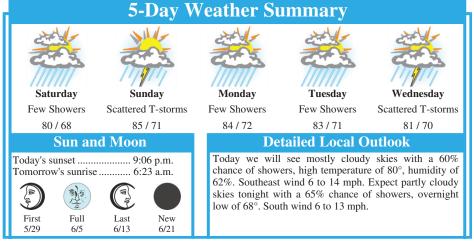
to enhance the region's efforts to drive talent attracral festival concept, the first

Make It Your Own Mural Fest is supported through sponsorships from Parkview Health, 3Rivers Federal Credit Union, Ambassador Enterprises. NIPSCO and the NISource Foundation and Avangrid Foundation. Any changes to the Mural Fest schedule or structure will be announced publicly via the event web-

festival.com.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplain





Reader questions returning back to normal

loosen-

up, I'm Harriette ing still con-Cole cerned about Sense & how much Sensitivity I should go outside.

have a couple of medical conditions, and I am very worried that if I catch this disease, I

won't survive. I haven't told anyone in my neighborhood or my job that I have these health challenges. I don't just fine, thank you. But I don't know how well I will do if I put myself out in the general population.

One neighbor keeps asking me to take a walk with her. She has been great about walking a few miles every day. I, on the other hand, have sat around for weeks, and my body is not happy about that. I do need to get more exercise. I'm just not sure what to do. How should I handle this? – Weighing the Odds

WEIGHING DEAR **ODDS:** Schedule a call with your doctor and discuss your health and your activities to determine what he or she recommends. Review your health challenges and how you have been taking care of yourself during this period of quarantine. Talk about your lack of exercise. Share any details you know about your job and the plan to reopen. Provide all of the facts so that your doctor can give you advice based on a clear picture of your life.

What I have read is that doctors are continuing to recommend that people wear masks the entire time they are out of the home; that they keep a distance of at least 6 feet from others; that they avoid touching their faces; and that they regularly wash their hands for at least 20 seconds. If

READERS' CHOICE

REPORTS

THURSDAY'S

LOTTERIES

Cash 5

Cash4Life

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Daily Three-Midday

Daily Three-Evening

Daily Four-Midday

Daily Four-Evening

Mega Millions

Aluminum..

beans: \$8.29.

Estimated jackpot: \$516,000

11-19-22-24-40, Cash Ball: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$298 million

Estimated jackpot: \$104 million

FRIDAY'S METALS

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Estimated grain prices Friat Indianapolis-area

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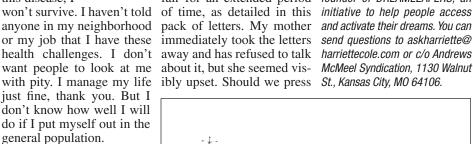
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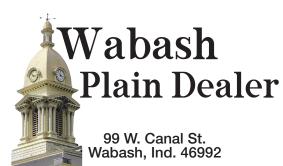
ther passed away a few years Discovery ago, and we just got around to be from another woman. now, leave it alone. It turns out he had an affair for an extended period founder of DREAMLEAPERS, an

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have you do that every time you her on this? I am curious be wrong for me to ask if I **DEAR HARRIETTE:** My fa- can read them? – Troubling

> **DEAR TROUBLING DISCOV**to packing up the rest of ERY: Your father's affair is his belongings because my none of your business. You mother decided to sell her should not ask to read the house. While we were go- letters. You should not press ing through the things in his her about this at all. If she office, we found a box with wants to talk about it, she letters in it that turned out will open up to you. For

Harriette Cole is a lifestylist and





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business get back to full strength by subsidizing their marketing through matching grants. Area businesses can now apply for a grant to help them recover from the effects of the coronavirus crisis.

How Will It Work for My Business?

The fund is open to all locally owned and operated businesses impacted by the coronavirus, whether or not they are current advertisers. Grant money can be used for local Wabash Plain Dealer print newspaper and special product advertising between April 28 and June 30, 2020. Grants are available for a minimum of \$200 and a maximum of \$5,000 of matching funds each month. Eg: spend \$200 in advertising, we match with a grant of \$200 additional advertising dollars to equal \$400.

How Do I Apply?

To apply for a dollar for dollar matching advertising grant, applications must be submitted at:

https://www.wabashplaindealer.com/site/forms/advertising_match/, click on the "How Do I?" tab and Apply for a "Matching Advertising Grant". The Wabash Plain Dealer will respond within 48 hours. A community newspaper is only ever as strong as the community it serves. We know businesses and workers are hurting, we're hurting too. But if we can pull together as a community, we can weather this.

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PENDING SERVICES

Janet Kay Maurer: of Plymouth, has passed away. The family will have graveside services and burial for 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at South Whitley Cemetery, South Whitley, Indiana. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester.

Weekly dinners brighten locked-down Last Supper convent By GIOVANNA DELL'ORTO

Associated Press

In Milan, in the midst of the lockdown to mitigate one of Europe's worst coronavirus outbreak, seven men in their body was let in, nobody was them by a dad who wants to as a separate museum) hangs

There, where Leonardo da

one distraction: weekly gour-

bring them a bit of comfort.

Vinci painted "The Last Sup-scent of home, of family, per," the men who are start- and they help to loosen the ing their journey to become tension," said Father Daniele Dominican friars have had Drago di Mondragone, who leads the novitiate at San-20s have been cloistered in met suppers, home-cooked ta Maria delle Grazie. In its a 15th-century convent. No- and delivered especially for historic refectory (now used

the Renaissance painting por- some homey delicacies, in apostles before his crucifix-

For the past few weeks, just before vespers, Michele Totti has been delivering his homemade suppers to the convent's door.

"These meals bring the traying Jesus' meal with the big shopping bags, with detailed instructions on how to warm them up," says Totti, who works in film production but has been moonlighting as home chef since he volunteered to cook at a fundraiser for his son's elementary "I arrive, in a mask, with school several years ago.

PULSE

From page A1 arts studios and similar facilities may open with restrictions. Class sizes should be limited. Equipment must be spaced to accommodate social distancing and cleaned after each use. No contact activities are permitted. Community pools may open according to CDC guidance. Community tennis and basketball courts, soccer and baseball fields, YMCA programs and similar facilities may open with social gathering and social distancing guidelines in place. Community recreational youth and adult sports leagues may resume practices and conditioning while adhering to social gathering and social distancing guidelines. Contact sports, such as lacrosse and football, are prohibited, but conditioning and non-contact drills may take place. Youth summer day camps may open June 1. Raceways may open with restrictions and no spectators. Campgrounds may open restrictions, including social distancing and sanitation precautions. State park inns will reopen. Restaurants and bars with restaurant services may continue to operate at 50 percent capacity, but bar seating must remain closed. Personal services such as hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, spas and tattoo parlors may continue to be open by appointment only and must follow social distancing guidelines. Movie theaters and playgrounds, which had been projected to open in stage 3, will remain closed. Movie theaters are now projected to open along with other entertainment facilities and venues during stage 4. Playgrounds are to be determined. For more information,

Laketon American Legion, Auxiliary **Memorial Day** service set

visit BackOnTrack.in.gov.

The Laketon American Legion and Auxiliary will hold a Memorial Day service at 1 p.m. Monday, May 25 at the Laketon Cemetery, 950 N. 200 West, North Manchester. There will be sound effects available for people so they can stay in their cars.

City offices closed, meeting moved due to Memorial Day

Due to Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, Wabash City Hall and city departments will be closed. All offices will remain closed to the public but will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, for those who call and request for an appointment. The Wabash City Council and Wabash County Commissioners meetings scheduled for Monday, May 25 have been moved to Tuesday, May 26.

Local absentee, early, in-person voting details announced

Any registered voter may vote by absentee for the June 2 primary election by requesting an absentee ballot. To request an absentee-by-mail application, call 260-563-0661 ext. 1238. In-person early voting is available beginning Tuesday, May 26. Wabash County voters may vote at OJ

Neighbors school gymnasium, 1545 N Wabash St. Early voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, May 29, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 30. Voting will also take place at this location from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, June 1. On June 2, Election Day, the only two places open to vote in Wabash County will be OJ Neighbors School gymnasium at 1545 N Wabash St., and North Manchester High School gymnasium, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester.

Grow Wabash County launching Student Connection Network

Send your job and internship openings that you would like Wabash County students to apply for to chelsea@growwabashcounty.com by Thursday, May 28. To see the full list of job postings from Grow Wabash County investors, visit the job portal at https:// members.growwabashcounty. com/jobs/.

Contestants sought for the **30th Annual Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant**

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. The deadline for applications is Thursday, May 28. Any Wabash County woman ages 17 to 21 who plans to further her education is eligible. Any woman from 17 years old to those already attending college and is not yet 22, is encouraged to enter. All college-age women need to be enrolled in the college for the 2020-2021 school year. Pageant directors are Kara Fulmer, Patty Meagher, Teresa Ridgeway, Makayla Ridgeway and Bev Vanderpool. Applications for the pageant may be mailed in or dropped off at Wabash City Hall. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked "Scholarship Pageant." The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www. facebook.com/wabashcountyfestivalsscholarshippageant, or contact any of the directors.

'Seussical the

Musical' auditions set Auditions for the upcoming Wabash Area Community Theater fall show "Seussical the Musical" will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 31 at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St. For anyone who can't make it to auditions, a special time has been set aside at 6 p.m. Monday, June 1 for an extra audition. Callbacks will begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 1. The age limit for those interested in the show is from 12 years and up. Anyone interested in auditioning should be prepared to sing 16 bars of their favorite song. For more information, call Beth Miller at 260-568-1128 or Bev Vander-

pool at 765-661-8206.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 2

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

25th annual WACCY golf outing prepares to tee off

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's 25th Annual WACCY Golf Outing, scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 at the Honeywell Public Golf Course. Grow Wabash County has also scheduled a back-up date of Thursday, July 30 in the case that the social distancing recommendations are still in effect come June. Registration is \$360 per four-person team. For more information, visit www.grow wabashcounty.com/events, email marketing@grow wabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at Scotty's Bar, 780 Manchester Ave.

2021 spring comedy

director sought The Wabash Area Community Theater is looking for the director for their 2021 spring comedy to be performed in March 2021. Anyone interested in directing should submit a portfolio with their directing experience. The portfolio should also include information stating the name of the play, the plot, the size of the cast, set and prop requirements, and other details about the show. Applications for the director and show are being accepted until Friday, June 12, and can be mailed to WACT, P.O. Box 840, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information. email Eric Seaman at ericcharlesseaman@gmail.com, Bev Vanderpool at vanderpob@ yahoo.com or Howard Kaler at gm@charleycreekinn.com.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day rescheduled for July 25

After being rescheduled for a second time, the Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day for Saturday, July 25. After a year at the Wabash Presbyterian Church, Pancake Day will return to the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support. The event's Pancake Eating Contest, sponsored by Midwest Eye Consul-

tants, will take place that day at noon. The Club's president. Mike Keaffaber, is the event's chairperson for 2020. Those who have questions or ideas regarding the event may email Keaffaber at keaffaberm@ msdwc.k12.in.us.

'Liking for Biking' riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a "free, family-friendly" 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a "fun and engaging atmosphere." Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visit wabashcounty.com/ adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

Woman's Clubhouse hopes to pick up **2020-2021** schedule in August

Out of an abundance of caution, the Woman's Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-2020 season in June. The group will send the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for the new year and they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for an office should call Ellen Stouffer at 260-571-5339. The group needs a volunteer to take over the membership organization. For more information, call Carol McDonald at 260-563-

Manchester University announces plan to open in fall 2020

In-person classes will begin Sept. 2. Like many schools, Manchester will move to remote teaching and learning after Thanksgiving. The semester will end Dec. 18.

Registration for annual Dam to Dam **Century Ride and new**

triathlon now open Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)!MAN! triathlon is now open. D!M! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride - Sunday, Sept. 13 – and will incorporate the newest and longest 150mile bike route, plus a 3.1mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The early bird registration fee for the bike ride is \$40 through May 31, however, attendees can use promo code D2DSAVE10 to save \$10 for a limited time. The price increases to \$50 beginning June 1. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market season open Saturdays through **Sept. 26**

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk's Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. Vendors are still being accepted for the full season, half-season and one-time rates. For more information, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie

Lake closed Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov.

Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

- Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.
- BMV: The Wabash branch of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) is open by appointment only between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m Monday through Saturday at 1679 N. Cass St. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit https://www.in.gov/ bmv/4363.htm.
- Community Foundation of Wabash County: Individuals with questions may email patty@cfwabash.org or julie@ cfwabash.org, or call 260-982-
- Division of Family Resources: Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at www.fssabenefits. in.gov. DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.
- Farm Service Agency: County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.
- Honeywell Foundation: All

- events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended until further notice.
- Living Well in Wabash County: The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drivethrough with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.

■ North Manchester Public

Library: Library patrons may

- place material requests online on the library website by visiting www.nman.lib.in.us or by calling 260-982-4773. The first pick up day will be Monday, May 11 from noon to 4 p.m. The library will loan out books, DVDs, laptops, WiFi hotspots and iPads to all card-holding patrons. Patrons will be limited to 10 items per car. Due dates and fines are as follows: Books: Three-week check out, no late fees; DVDs: Three days for new DVDs (with yellow tape), one week for old DVDs (without vellow tape) and a \$5 late fee per day, per item; WiFi Hotspots: One-week check-out and a \$5 late fee per day; and Laptops and iPads: 24-hour checkout, \$25 late fee per day. Pick Up days will from noon to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Any requested items will be available for pick up on the next pick up day.
- The North Manchester Center for History: Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ NorthManchesterHistory.
- Roann Paw Paw Township Public Library: Curbside pickup began Monday, May 4.
- Wabash Carnegie Public Library: WCPL patrons may request print or audiobooks by phone or online. Orders can be picked up at the Hill Street entrance of the library. Curbside service will be available from noon to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Orders will be labeled in bags and left on a table in front of the library at a scheduled time. Any orders not delivered by 4 p.m. on the assigned day will be canceled and the items will be re-shelved. For more information, call 260-563-2972.
- Wabash City Hall: Citizens should visit www.cityofwabash. com to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services. Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at covid19info@ cityofwabash.com. Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email mayor@cityof wabash.com.
- Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fri-

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Film explores life of Lakota who could become Catholic saint

By ANDREW S. HUGHES

South Bend Tribune

SOUTH BEND — Sr. Judith Ann Zielinski was surprised when she learned a Cause for Canonization had been opened to consider making Nicholas Black Elk a saint of the Catholic Church.

A Franciscan nun, she knew who Black Elk was because of the 1932 book "Black Elk Speaks," by John Neihardt, a poet with an interest in Native American culture.

And that's why Zielinski was surprised: "Black Elk Speaks" makes no mention of the Oglala Lakota holy man's baptism in his 40s and subsequent career as a catechist – teacher of the faith.

"Black Elk has become this symbol of the Great American Indian," she says, "mourning the loss of the great native culture before the white man came. ... The world pictured Black Elk as praying on the mountain, tragically, for this world that was no more."

That may start to change when a documentary she wrote and produced, "Walking the Good Red Road: Nicholas Black Elk's Journey to Sainthood," begins airing nationally today on ABC affiliates.

South Bend's NewGroup Media, where Zielinski works as the Director of Faith & Values Programming, made the 58-minute film on behalf of the Diocese of Rapid City, South Cause for Canonization in 2017.

Neihardt's book, which enioved a revival in popularity during the 1970s, depicted only the first half of Black Elk's life, in the 19th century and before he was baptized in 1904 and became a catechist who's now

than 400 Lakota on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

A brief overview of Black Elk's life shows why Neihardt made the editorial choices he did: He lived a remarkable life as a young

Born Dec. 1, 1863, in pre-reservation America, Black Elk was a cousin of Crazy Horse, participated as a 13-year-old in the Battle of Little Bighorn, toured Europe as a dancer with Buffalo Bill Cody's "Wild West Show," survived the Battle of Wounded Knee and served the Lakota as a medicine man.

But his first wife, Katie War Bonnet, converted to Catholicism and they baptized their three children in the Church. After her death in 1903, Black Elk was baptized in 1904 and worked for the next 30 years as a catechist and, to some extent, lay minister who performed many of the non-sacramental duties of a priest, such as visiting the sick.

"My interest in that story was exactly that," Zielinski says, "this intersection of this Native American man's life with his Lakota tradition and his life as a Christian, and then his path to sainthood."

Directed by NewGroup's Christopher Salvador, "Walking the Good Red Road" includes interviews with scholars who have studied the Lakota and Black Elk; a bishop and priests Dakota, which initiated the from the Catholic Church who are familiar with Black Elk's story; Black Elk's 86-year-old grandson, George Looks Twice; and Black Elk's great-greatgreat grandson, Maka Akan Najin Black Elk.

It also includes interviews with three Lakota with

kota Elder and granddaughter of Pete Catches, a catechist-contemporary of Black Elk; Lakota Elder Basil Brave Heart, who discusses Lakota culture as well as his own childhood memories of seeing Black Elk picking potatoes; and Lakota artist Arthur Amiotte, who attended Black Elk's funeral as an 8-year old in 1950.

Hundreds of rare historical and archival photos from Marquette University and Jesuit collections give the viewer a glimpse at the world in which Black Elk lived. Salvador also makes use of some vintage audio recordings the Rev. Michael F. Steltenkamp made of one government's forcible reloof Black Elk's daughters, Lucy Black Elk.

The film also includes some re-created scenes, such as the Ghost Dance and Black Elk's funeral, which was filmed at the church and cemetery where he is buried.

If it happens, Zielinski says, Black Elk's canonization "would be a recognition that God did holy things among the Lakota long before the missionaries arrived. ... There is holiness to bring that out and make it like the lives of the colonizers themselves."

First, however, candidates for sainthood go through four stages: Servant of God, where Black Elk is now as research into his life is conducted; Venerable; Blessed; and Saint. Along the way, two miracles attributed to happen," Zielinski says. him must be confirmed by the Vatican.

As she and NewGroup worked on the documentary, Zielinski says, she tried to answer one pivotal question: Why should Black Elk be considered for sainthood?

"I know a lot of people ties to Black Elk: Patricia in my circle of friends and holiness."

credited with baptizing more Catches the Enemy, a La- acquaintances who have worked as a catechist, and they're not up for sainthood," she says. "Why him? What is the driving force behind canonization?

For her, the answer begins with a vision Black Elk had as a child that he recounted for Neihardt during their interviews in 1930, when he was approximately 66 years old.

"Assuming there was some veracity to that, he has this vision that puts him on the path of the seeker of God, the mystical," Zielinski says. "He walks around with this calling during this horrible, horrible time in the life of his tribe.'

That included the U.S. cation of the Lakota onto the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, the deliberate slaughter of the buffalo that were the tribe's main source of meat and the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890.

Black Elk also told Neihardt about a pivotal Ghost Dance during which he saw the world as unified under a single protective tree, with all peoples the product of a single mother and father.

"He goes into this thinkand dignity in every culture. ing, 'If we pray hard It does not take colonialism enough, God will restore nature and bring back all those slain buffalo," Zielinski says about the Ghost Dance, which is meant to revive the spirits of the dead, who are then expected to fight on behalf of the living to rid their land of the white colonists and restore their prosperity.

"Of course, that doesn't "But he had this other religious experience in the course of the dance. In his description, he says, 'I saw the Son of God and this god was not a white man, he was not an Indian. He was the god of all peoples.' I believe this is the key to Black Elk's

As Memorial Day tempts people outdoors, virus rebound feared

By BEN FINLEY, **CARLA K. JOHNSON** and MICHAEL BIESECKER Associated Press

set to emerge from coronatentative steps outdoors to try. celebrate Memorial Day weekend at beaches, cookouts and family gatherings, raising concern among public health officials that large gatherings could roaring back.

the virus won't take a holi-Disease Control and Prevention continues to recommend that people stay home, avoid crowds and friends by phone or video chat.

Dr. Seth Cohen, an infectious disease expert at the rules. University of Washington Medical Center-Northwest federal guidance, it's largein Seattle, advised that ly been left to state and people who do celebrate local officials to figure out keep their distance from one another, wear masks day safely. Social-distancand avoid sharing food and ing rules and bans on mass drinks.

"Punch bowls. Nachos. These things are a no-no," Cohen said.

summer destinations, to day. shut down at least tempoand on Thursday, Feder-Powell warned that prospects for a recovery will COVID behaviors." remain unclear until the health crisis is solved.

Many long-running Memorial Day commemora- 6-foot distancing."

tions of the nation's fallen military heroes have been canceled or downsized, including concerts and fireworks shows. Parks, Millions of Americans are beaches, campgrounds and swimming pools remain virus lockdowns and take closed in much of the coun-

But plenty of popular public spaces will be open with restrictions.

In Virginia Beach, Virginia, the famed 40-block boardwalk and sandv cause outbreaks to come shoreline is open beginning Friday, but people must Medical experts warn that stay 6 feet (2 meters) from non-family members, with day for the traditional start groups limited to 10 or of summer. The Centers for fewer. Group sports such as volleyball will be prohibited, along with tents and alcohol consumption.

Mayor Bobby Dyer said connect with family and about 150 "beach ambassadors" in red shirts will be deployed to "diplomatically" ask people to follow the

In the absence of clear how to celebrate the holigatherings remain in place throughout much of the country.

Keeping holidays safe is The holiday weekend a quandary is faced by auarrives amid the bleakest thorities around the globe. economy in decades. Tens On the same weekend as of millions of people have Memorial Day, the Musbeen thrown out of work lim world will mark the since the virus hit hard in fast-breaking festival Eid March and forced business- al-Fitr. On Monday, U.K. es, including many popular residents get a bank holi-

Dr. William Schaffner, an rarily. Unemployment has infectious diseases expert reached its highest level at Vanderbilt University, since the Great Depression, warned that being on holiday can lead some people al Reserve Chair Jerome to drop their guard and "just relax into their pre-

> "They forget to masks" Schaffner said. "They're not so keen on



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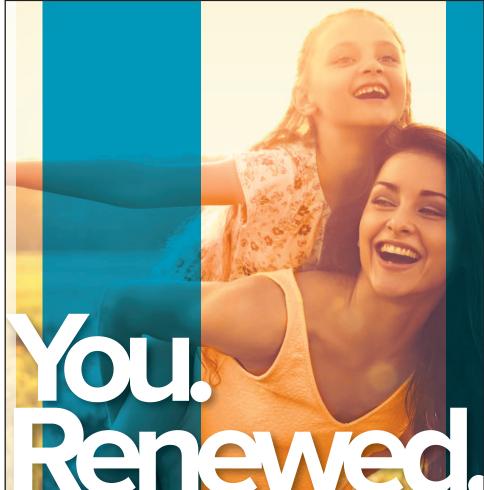
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Poll: Many in U.S. won't return to gym or dining out

By JOSH BOAK and EMILY SWANSON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Much of the country remains unlikely to venture out to bars, restaurants, theaters or gyms anytime soon, despite state and local officials across the country increasingly alaccording to a new survey NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

could muffle any recovery from what has been the movies, theaters or sporting its budget. events at least monthly beif they could. Only about went to restaurants, exercised at the gym or traveled ous lifestyles. would feel comfortable doing so again.

suffered a layoff still believe percent to 44 percent). they will return to their prethe past month, to 30 percent from 20 percent.

teacher in Indiana, held off on immediately returning to instructor. She would need to pass a test for COVID-19, get her temperature checked each morning and lead class mask.

"Wear a mask to teach a fitness class? I'm not ready for

recovery in spending would on.' force many companies to permanently close and deepen the financial pain for 39 million people who have lost jobs in roughly the past two

months. Forty-nine percent of Americans approve of how President Donald Trump is handling the economy, the poll shows. That has slipped over the last two months, from 56 percent in March. Still, the issue remains a whose overall approval rating stands at 41 percent.

Trump has at times downplayed the threat of the coronavirus and the benefits of testing and has criticized the leadership of Democratic governors. Meanwhile, many Democratic lawmakers have insisted on the importance of containing the disease and sustaining the economy with federal aid.

Greg Yost, a Republican would defer more to medical July.

experts, rather than speak off the cuff. But he added that he thinks Trump believes he must defend himself against personal attacks.

"He's between a rock and a hard place," Yost said.

But ShyJuan Clemons, 45, of Merrillville, Indiana, says Trump has made the fallout from the pandemic worse by lowing businesses to reopen, initially denying its dangers and failing to display much by The Associated Press- empathy for those hurt by the coronavirus.

That hesitancy in the wake he's terrible," said Clemons, of the coronavirus outbreak referring to his 14-year-old Siamese mix, Shinji.

Clemons works with spesharpest and swiftest eco- cial needs people and wornomic downturn in U.S. ries about his hours if Indihistory. Just 42 percent of ana – starved of tax revenues those who went to concerts, because of the disease - cuts

But it also shows how an fore the outbreak say they'd atmosphere of political podo so in the next few weeks larization may be feeding both an eagerness by some half of those who regularly to return and a reluctance by others to resume their previ-

Among those who did so at least monthly before the About a quarter of Amer- outbreak, Republicans are icans say someone in their far more likely than Demhousehold has lost a job ocrats to say they'd go to amid that downturn, and restaurants (69 percent to 37 about half have lost house-percent), movies, concerts hold income, including lay- or theaters (68 percent to 28 offs, pay cuts, cut hours or percent), travel (65 percent unpaid time off. The majori- to 38 percent) and go to a ty of those whose household gym or fitness studio (61

Sixty-nine percent of those vious employer, but the share who regularly shopped in expecting their job will not person for nonessential return has risen slightly over items before the outbreak, including majorities among both parties, say they'd be Amber Van Den Berge, a likely to wander malls and stores again. But Republicans are more likely to say her second job as a fitness so than Democrats, 82 percent to 61 percent.

Yost expressed no qualms about going out because he believes the economic damwhile wearing a protective age from shelter-in-place orders will be worse than the deaths from the disease.

"What's going to happen that," said Van Den Berge, with depression, homelessness - a lot of other The speed and strength problems are going to arise of any economic rebound because we shut down the could be thwarted because economy?" said Yost, a vice many fear the risk of new president of operations at an infections. Consumers make insurance agency. "I would up roughly 70 percent of go to a restaurant and feel U.S. economic activity, so comfortable with my kids anything less than a total and not even have masks

> Still, there's an exception to the partisan divide, with 76 percent of Republicans and 69 percent of Democrats who get haircuts on at least a monthly basis saying they'd do that in the next few weeks if they could.

The poll finds an overwhelming majority of Americans, 70 percent, describe the economy as poor, but their outlook for the future is highly partisan. Sixty-two relative positive for Trump, percent of Republicans expect improvement in the coming year, while 56 percent of Democrats say it will

worsen. At the same time, twothirds of Americans say their personal finances are good, which has remained steady since before the outbreak began.

Many families have been able to survive the downturn because of aid such as direct payments to taxpayers and from Rockaway, New Jersey, expanded unemployment says he wishes the president benefits that will expire in

Disinfected dice: Las Vegas casinos getting ready to roll

By KEN RITTER Associated Press

parking, but no valet sermasks. Hand sanitizer everywhere.

will be dealt and slot ma- set Tuesday. chines will beckon. But poker rooms? Closed.

mid-March for the first time the coronavirus.

of Nevada, Las Vegas. "Las Vegas can never be

submitted health and safety vice. Bartenders, blackjack rules to state regulators in lion annual visitors. dealers and waiters wearing anticipation of the end to Yes, dice will roll, cards Gaming Control Board is

president of casino giant dark, at least for now. ever to stem the spread of MGM Resorts Internation-The stakes could not be I could get out, come to a Wash your hands; keep Reno will offer hand-sanihigher, said Robert Lang, resort, lay at a pool, enjoy distance from others; limit tizer. executive director of the a nice dinner, sit at a black- your elevator ride to your Brookings Mountain West jack table. There's some- sanitized room to just four ing a face mask will be on think tank at the University thing to be said for all of people. that.'

known as the place where aimed for a June 1 restart Sean McBurney, general the canal will serenade paspeople go and get sick," he in the gambling mecca manager at Caesars Palace. sengers from an appropriate

Sisolak has not set a re- three consecutive \$1 billion ity to ensure there's social start date, but could at any months in statewide casino distancing." LAS VEGAS — Free time. Resort owners have winnings. The city had been drawing more than 40 mil-

the shutdown. A workshop the marquees and the man-quently. At some resorts with operators and the state agers will welcome people back to this 24/7 town built use cellphones for touchless "We all know what we've excess. But not every resort to read restaurant menus. gone through for the last will be open. Nightclubs, Tourists returning to Las 10 weeks. No one's having dayclubs and large venues and The Venetian, owned by Vegas will see changes fun," said Bill Hornbuckle, will remain closed. Cirque Las Vegas Sands, plan to use since gambling stopped in acting chief executive and du Soleil shows will stay thermal imaging cameras at

Signs everywhere will real. "The simple idea that mind guests of new rules: operators in Las Vegas and

Many properties have of social distancing," said closed almost overnight in "If there's crowding, it's ev-

Democratic Gov. Steve the middle of a hot streak - ery employee's responsibil-

Dice will be disinfected between shooters, chips cleaned periodically and Once given the green light, card decks changed freguests will be encouraged to for crowds, excitement and check in, as room keys, and

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I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Bill Barr helps write the GOP's 'Cry corruption' playbook

Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain. Attornev General Bill Barr – who famously whitewashed the Mueller report ahead of time and who just two weeks ago dropped the Justice Department's case against Michael Flynn – isn't suddenly practicing objectivity.

At a press conference Monday, Barr addressed U.S. Attorney John Durham's review of FBI behavior in its investigation of the Trump campaign's 2016 ties to Russia. Pushing back against President Trump's "Obamagate" allegations, Burr said, "As to President Obama and Vice President Biden. whatever their level of involve-

I have today, I don't expect Mr. Durham's work will lead to a criminal investigation of either man."

It might sound like the AG has suddenly discovered fair play. Not quite.

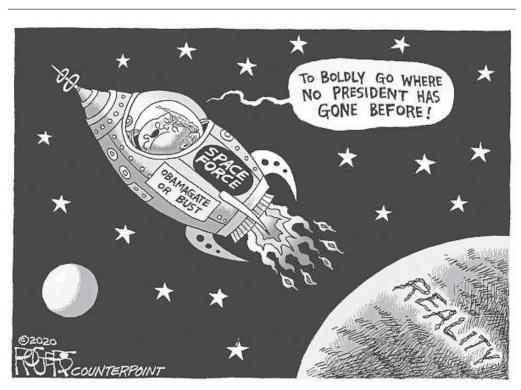
To begin, Durham hasn't even finished his investigation, yet Barr is pre-spinning – he adds that "others" in the prior administration may be in legal

Meanwhile, Republican-led Senate committees are using their perches to investigate the prior administration: Government Affairs Committee Chairman Ron Johnson is probing Hunter Biden's role in Ukraine

ment, based on the information company Burisma (precisely what Trump pressured Ukraine to do that led to impeachment). This week, Judiciary Chairman Lindsey Graham announced a broad subpoena into the the Russia investigation, calling for appearances by Barr and Obama-era figures including Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, ex-national security adviser Susan Rice and ex-FBI Director Jim Comey.

In short, Barr or no Barr, Republicans are prepared to pound the table throughout the 2020 elections, breathlessly alleging corruption that does not exist.

- This editorial was first published in the New York Daily News.



What we lost when we stopped binge reading

ong before today's corona-✓virus lockdown provided occasions for the vice that the phrase denotes, "binge watching" had entered Americans' lexicon. Few, however, speak of binge reading. To understand why this is regrettable, mute Netflix long enough to read Adam Garfinkle's "The Erosion of Deep Literacy" in National Affairs. He believes

George Will



the displacement of reading by digital, usually pictorial, entertainment and communication, "something neurophysiological" is happening to individuals,

that because of

and especially to the "neural pathways" of the young. And something vital to democratic culture is waning.

Garfinkle, founding editor of the American Interest, elaborates on Maryanne Wolf's idea of "deep literacy" from her 2018 book "Reader, Come Home." Garfinkle defines this (or "deep reading") as engagement with "an extended piece of writing" in a way that draws the reader into "a dialectical process with the text." This involves the reader in anticipation of the author's "direction and meaning."

Few scientists doubt that heavy dependency on electronic screens has shortened attention spans. "We know," Garfinkle says, "that prolonged and repetitive exposure to digital devices changes the way we think and behave in part be-

cause it changes us physically." The brain is continuously rewiring itself in response to changing stimuli, and 200,000 years of evolution did not suit it to process today's torrents of

fleeting stimuli. "More items vie for our attention in a given hour," Garfinkle says, "than our ancestors had to handle in a day or even a

week." Becoming comfortable

with shallow attention to everything, people become transfixed by the present, unable to remember, or to plan well. He reports that high school guidance counselors say most students lack the social skills to speak one-on-one with college admissions personnel. This, Garfinkle believes, reflects

"acquired social autism." People immersed in digital torrents acquire "self-inflicted attention deficits." They become incapable of the "quality attention" that deep literacy requires. Such literacy is, in evolutionary terms, a recent innovation that changed brain circuitry. Garfinkle says, "We are or become, cognitively speaking, what we do with language." Printed words, presented sequentially in sentences and paragraphs, are demanding, but rewarding: Only they can present the reasoning required to establish

complicated truths. Garfinkle's surmise is that government's problem-solving failures reflect not just hyper-partisanship and polarization but the thin thinking of a political class of non-deep readers who are comfortable only with the shallowness of tweets. Instantaneous digital interactions encourage superficiality, insularity and tribalism.

Deep reading, like deep writing, is difficult, hence unnatural. It is unpleasant to those who, tethered to their devices, have become accustomed to lives that are surface straight through. Garfinkle worries that "cognitively sped-up and multitasking young brains may not acquire sufficient capacities for critical thinking, personal reflection, imagination, and empathy, and hence will become easy prey for charlatans and demagogues."

Modernity's greatest blessing - individualism: the celebration of individual agency – depends on a sense of one's interior, of self-consciousness. This is facilitated by deep literacy that, unlike the oral communication

of premodern groups, requires solitude for the reader's private repose. Modernity, and eventually democracy, advanced through Protestantism's emphasis of individual engagement with writing – the Bible made accessible to personal reading in various languages.

Integral to liberal-democratic politics are, Garfinkle says, abstract ideas - "representation; the virtues of doubt, dissent, and humility; and the concept of a depersonalized constitutional order." A society that loses the ballast of deep literacy is apt to become less thoughtful, more emotional and volatile. It will become impatient with the pace of refined, impersonal governance through institutions. It will seek "a less abstract, re-personalized form of social and political authority concentrated in a 'great' authoritarian leader.'

Deep literacy has always been a minority taste and attainment, but is always necessary, especially among elites, to leaven majoritarian politics. But because of today's social-media technologies, Garfinkle believes, there is increased, if superficial and emotive, participation in political discourse. Yet even among young people in higher education, many professors will not assign entire books, or substantial portions

of challenging ones. Deep readers can "deploy shields of skepticism" against those who, lacking the reading habit, are "locked in perpetual intellectual adolescence." And then? "Populism of the illiberal nationalist kind is," Garfinkle believes, "what happens in a mass-electoral democracy when a decisive percentage of mobilized voters drops below a deep-literacy standard.'

Garfinkle's essay – mental calisthenics for a confined nation – deserves at least the grudging gratitude of even the most egalitarian Americans. It requires what it describes – deep literacy – and might be a spur to binge reading.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wolkins' example inspired run

I write to thank Dave Wolkins for his 32 years of public service to his district and the state of Indiana. I have always admired Rep. Wolkins for his willingness to listen and stand up for people he represents, regardless of party affiliation. He has fought for lower taxes, less government regulation and common-sense solutions to solve problems facing Hoosiers. I hope his retirement is full of happiness, joy and peace.

Dave's example is one reason I'm inspired to run for office. Some have suggested that we need a fresh perspective, but I say we need someone who continues to have the interests of the people at heart.

I have met many of you at your door. I hope to see many more of you before Primary Day if that is even possible. If elected, I will have everyone's interest in mind. I will go to Indianapolis to represent you, the people; not to be a spokesman for Indianapolis or some regional regulation authority. Just as Dave Wolkins was a Representative for you, the people, so will I if elected.

> **Russ Reahard** Candidate for the Republican nomination for District 18 of the Indiana **House of Representatives**

Life with Pierre, a diversion

Pierre the cat was a once-in-a-lifetime pet, and some of you will know a read of you will know exactly what I mean.

He is the one you tell the same stories about over and over to friends more tolerant than they should be. He is the one you compare all other pets to. He is the one that makes you realize each animal might show common species characteristics but also has a unique personality.

He is the one you never forget, and can't think about without the ache of loss.

It might be because he was my first or perhaps

Leo **Morris**



because he chose me. He was a sixmonth-old stray who wandered in from the alley, ambled up to the group of us sitting on the back patio and jumped right up in my lap. Whatever the reason, Pierre and I

had a special bond I have never been able to duplicate. And there is only one way to describe it. I know those of you who go on and on about animal "companions" bristle at the concept of "ownership," but, sorry, that's the way

That cat owned me.

And he did what any responsible cat that owns a person (human companion) would do. He trained me.

That required Pierre to first teach me his special language. It takes patience to make dim humans understand the various feline signals that specify certain demands must be met, but he had admirable persistence.

He was an inside-outside cat, and he had a distinct meow telling me he wanted to go out. It was quite different from, for example, his "move that footstool back where it belongs" neow or his "fill my water dish" meow. It was "meee-row" and it meant, "Open this door, now!"

He had a whole ritual designed to get me out of bed if he thought I was sleeping in too long. First, he would stand by the bed and yowl. When I ignored that, he would get on the bookcase headboard, lean over and smack me on the forehead. When that failed, he'd hop up on the dresser and start knocking things off.

He developed an early warning signal to let me know a thunderstorm was coming. He'd go a third of the way down the basement steps and just sit there, and up to an hour later, the storm would come, even if had been bright and sunny when he started. He never got it

He perfected a hissing, back-arching, fur-popping way of telling me I had failed in my responsibility to control the weather, which he deployed with the first snow of each year. He always forgot what snow was, until he meee-rowed the front door open and stepped into it. He'd let out a "Yeow!" and rush back in, shaking his paws, then run to the back door and demand to be let out there. Surely the awful white stuff wasn't behind the house, too

With my education complete, Pierre then proceeded to train me in the retrieval of hamburger balls, the ultimate expression of cat dominance.

One time when I brought home a pound of hamburger with my store order, I pinched off a piece for him, put it on the floor and watched him gulp it down without chewing. It became a ritual after that pound of burger for me, a pinch for Pierre. Eventually, I started pulling off several pieces from each new pound, rolling them into balls and putting them in the freezer wrapped in wax paper.

Zoom forward a few months, and we had developed a routine that lasted for Pierre's 19 years in this world. He'd find me wherever I was sitting and put his front paws on my knees and stare at me until I got up. Then he would lead me into the kitchen and lean into the refrigerator, his paws stretched up to the freezer. I'd get out a hamburger ball while he raced around the corner to the microwave. He'd sit there until he saw me pop the hamburger in, then run back to the middle of the kitchen right to the spot where he knew I'd place his thawed-out beef.

That's my story, and I'm sticking to it. I have now reached the point where I'm supposed to tell you why I decided to write about a cat. Public affairs columnists aren't supposed to just pluck topics out of the air. We're supposed to engage the reader's interest by being relevant, which requires us to find a

news peg on which to hang our ramblings. I don't have one of those, unless it's a negative one. I just got sick and tired of COVID-19 – reading about it, thinking about it, arguing about it, writing about it. I was especially weary of all the politicians, TV pundits and other deep thinkers pretending to be smarter about the virus than they really were, the more expert they tried to sound, the more convinced I was that many

people are, alas, educated beyond their potential. So, why not a simple bit of whimsy about a creature who knows what he wants, when he wants it and whom to get it from, who is just exactly as smart as he

needs to be and not one whit more? If that sounds selfish, petty, disrespectful and grouchy, just mark it down to my upbringing. Pierre trained me well.

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Parents strive to heal their youngest son's broken heart

DEAR ABBY: My son, a high school senior, was in a relationship with a young woman who broke up with him and began dating his best friend. He was heartbroken.

Dear

Abby

played She him into being friends and tells him he's her best friend, but her actions prove otherwise.

His father and I comforted him as

best we could, but he still has feelings for her. It was a tough breakup for him, and he says he can't understand why he feels this way for her. We as parents are having a hard time keeping our opinions to ourselves. We are not happy with him still being around her and try to discourage it as much as possible.

We all attend the same church, from which I've offered to remove myself, but my son says no. We limit the time he gets to be around her, but she has begun flaunting other dates in front of him, which is making it hard for us to be cordial toward her.

How can I help my boy heal his heart and move on? He's my youngest, the last one ready to venture out to college, and I want him to have a fresh start for the new journey. - Heavy-Hearted Mom

DEAR MOM: Some lessons in life people must learn for themselves, and this is one of them. As much as you wish to help your son heal his heart, he's going to have to arrive at the realization that there's more pain than pleasure associated with the girl who rejected him. That is when he will move on, not

College will provide him an opportunity to meet new people and cultivate new interests. Being in a new environment will also help. In the meantime, be patient, refrain from saying anything nasty (as tempting as it might be) about his former girlfriend and keep your son as busy as you can.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to the same woman for 34 years. We have raised two great kids. The problem is, my wife does not show, respond to or initiate any affection or intimacy. I understand she has been through menopause, but is this the new normal? For me it is a lonely, cold existence. Most nights she won't even share the same bed with me. She also does not respond well to talking about things. Must I live the rest of my life this way? - Roommate In Virginia

DEAR ROOMMATE: Your problem is less about the lack of affection and intimacy in your marriage and far more about the lack of communication your wife allows you to have with her. If a problem can't be discussed, there is no way to arrive at a solution or a compromise.

If you haven't told her how lonely and isolated you feel, start there. What's happening is not fair to you. This is something that should be discussed with her doctor because there may be a medical solution if sex is painful for her.

However, if it is more complicated than that, recognize that you need more help than I can give you in a letter or a newspaper column, and ask your doctor or insurance company to refer you to a licensed marriage and family therapist for the answers you are seeking. If your wife refuses to go with you, go without her.

TO MY MUSLIM READERS: It is time for the breaking of the Ramadan fast. Happy Eid al-Fitr, everyone. – Abby

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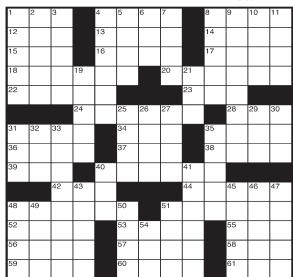
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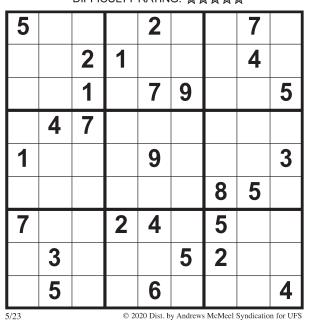
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Belief in a divine power was universal

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I am learning about the various religions of the world and most of them are very scary to me.

It drives me to Billy reject religion Graham altogether. Is My Answer being an atheist or agnos-

tic detached from religion? - A.A.**A:** Atheists say they do not believe

in God at all, while an agnostic is not sure whether God even exists. Skeptics attack the Bible and retreat in confusion; agnostics scoff at its teaching but are unable to produce an intellectually honest refutation. Atheists have denied its validity, but must surrender

to its historical accuracy and archaeological verification. A distinguished anthropologist was once asked if he had ever found a tribe or

group of people anywhere in

the world that did not believe in God or in some type of higher power. He admitted he had not. Though he claimed to be an atheist, he reluctantly said that belief in a divine power was universal.

We can know beyond a shadow of doubt that God exists, but not through religion. God has called out to the world from the cross to enter into a personal relationship with Him. God has not left us to wander around guessing about Him – He has shown Himself to us through His Son Jesus Christ. He came to us in

human flesh. He is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15, 19). This was confirmed when Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by His Father in Heaven.

The privilege is ours to know Him as our Savior. Don't miss the love of God by rejecting the sacrifice His Son made for us on the cross of Calvary. He has done everything necessary to remove the barriers between God and humanity. Those who believe in His name have been given the right to become the children of God (John 1:12).

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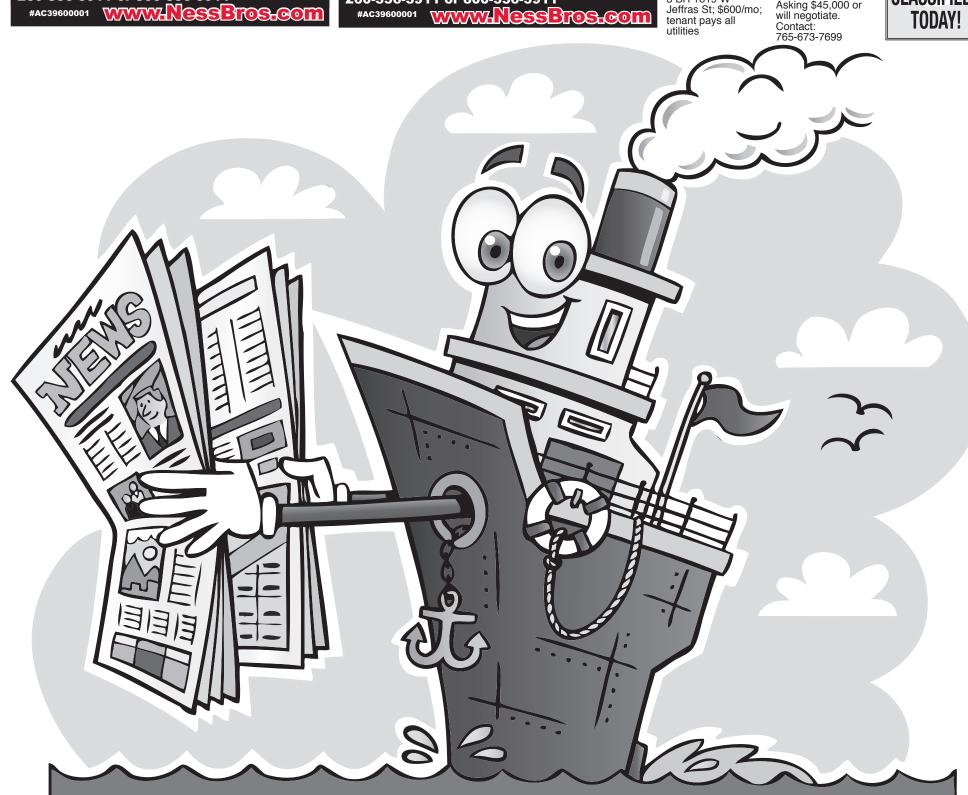
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Community

COVID-19-related community resources

STAFF REPORT

SCAN receives additional assistance to help families

Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) has received additional funds from the Department of Child Services (DCS) to assist famin 16 northern Indiana 105 W. Second St., Suite counties, including Wa- 100, North Manchester, IN Community Partners Local Assistance Program in the Prevention Dollars Program have announced the launch formation, email patty@ of the COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund. Nonprofits funding basic needs are invited to apply for SCAN's COVID-19 Response RFP at https://www.scaninc.org/ ncp/rfp/covid19. Parents and caregivers in need of additional support are encouraged to call SCAN at Trustees, visit the County 800-752-7116 or submit a request at https://www. scaninc.org/ncp/referral.

Foundation establishes COVID-19 assistance program

Community

Eligible individuals who may apply for assistance grants are individuals who have lost their jobs, income or wages related to COVID-19 business closures and layoffs, and have when seniors will be home Kellie Arrowood, volunteer no other significant source more than usual. Living of income; and are still Well in Wabash County working and need to provide for childcare (ages 0 liver pre-paid groceries and to 12) due to school and essentials within Wabash

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ty citizens who meet the by contacting the Community Foundation COVID-19 Assistance Program Partners who serve as appli-REACH, WAMA or their respective township trustee. memo line. For more incfwabash.org or melissa@cfwabash.org or call 260-982-4824. If you are www.stats.indiana. edu/map tools/townships. asp to view the map of Wabash County. For more information on the Township Departments tab on the Wawebsite at http:// wabash county.in.gov/cgi.exe.

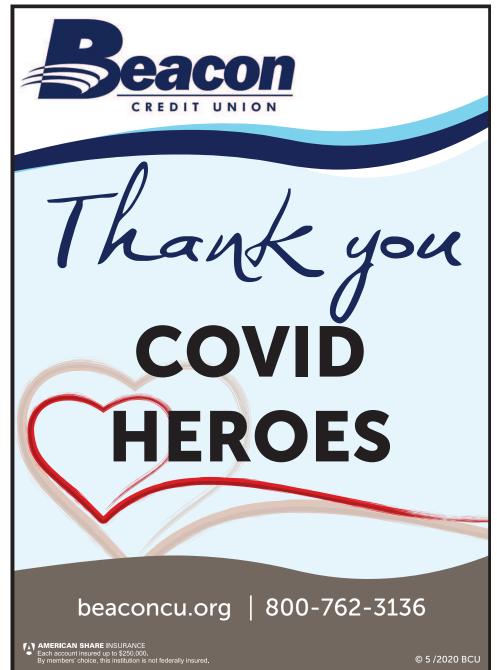
Living Well in Wabash County offers food, transportation, support

The Friendly Caller Program may be reached by calling 260-563-4475 to request a daily call to check in on you during this time will now pick up and dedaycare closures, and have County. For more informa- Hunger.org.

no other significant source tion or to request special of income. Wabash Coundelivery call 260-563-7536. The service is based upon above criteria can request availability. This tempoapplications for assistance rary delivery service is free to adults age 60 and older; normal one-way transit fees apply for 59 and under. Until further notice, the councant sponsors including ty-wide transit system for all ages is operating for essential travel only which To assist, visit www.cfwa- is work, food, pharmacy ilies with their basic needs bash.org or mail a check to and pre-scheduled medical within Wabash Countv. The hours of operation bash County. SCAN and its 46962, with the COVID-19 for the system are from 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those wanting to schedule a ride or delivery should call dispatch from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday by unsure of your township, calling 260-563.-536 or toll-free at 888-498-4400. The deadline to schedule next day transit rides is 4 p.m. Adults age 60 and older ride Wabash County Transit by donation. Riders age 59 and younger pay bash County Government \$2 per one way trip in Wabash and North Manchester with rides anywhere else in Wabash County at \$4 per one way trip. Low-income households can apply for the Share the Fare program.

Second Harvest Food Bank seeks volunteers, donations

Those who are interested in volunteering may contact coordinator for Second Harvest, by calling the office at 765-287-8698, emailing karrowood@curehunger. org or visiting www.Cure





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